



Carlos Bislip and Crew keep it cool at the Cas di Cultura

There are different schools of jazz, from a cool mellow rhythms to a hot driving beat, but noted local musician Carlos Bislip and his compatriots that comprised the Jazz Expo performing at the Cas di Cultura are definitely known for the former. The mood was cool and mellow as the music made famous by Dave Brubeck and Miles Davis was lovingly performed by six of Aruba's finest musicians on Saturday evening, March 4.

The program also included original compositions by the performers, including "Creo en Ti" and "Lullaby" by Delbert Bernabela on the woodwinds and Carlos Bislip's "Burgundy Sugar," "Paco's Tacos" and "Carmen," which was a lively end to the program. The well-known works of Chick Correa, Juan Tizol, Frank Foster, Mongo Santa Maria, and John Coltrane provided a fantastic evening for all of Aruba's jazz aficionados, and quite a few island visitors as well.

Carlos has organized a number of jazz concerts in Aruba over the years, and he wished to thank his sponsors FATUM insurance, JR Autocenter, ELMAR, Price, Waterhouse, Coopers and the Arubaanse Muziekschool for making Saturday night's jazz recital possible.

The performers at Jazz Expo was a "who's who" of Aruba's most talented musicians, including Johnny Scharbaay on piano, Ivan Quandus on Bass, Johnny Croes on keyboards and Franklin Granadillo on trumpet. Carlos Bislip proved it is possible to play smooth and sweet on the drums, and his interpretations of Dave Brubeck's "In Your Own Sweet Way" and other jazz classics was a treat for all those that attended.